

tically, and there will be a large number of social gatherings. As they will nearly all be of a family character, however, they are not fit material for discussion in the columns of a newsmaper. We can only hope that Yale Glee Club. they will be as delightful as the participants anticipate, and that the good will, which is ! the distinguishing mark of the season, will | tenant Fitch, of Edgewood, is to be given hover above their heads in a spirit of Christmas good cheer and peaceful happi- Eleanor Fitch.

The week before Christmas has been a gay one in the twin cities, and there has been so much social pleasure that the main occupation of buying Christmas gifts has not been allowed to take up all the time and attention of society. Among the most important events of the week the entertainment by the Tuesday Night Club at the Putsburg Club Theater stands pre-eminent. The delightful contedy, "Flies in the Web," gave game of our amateurs an opportunity of showing that they possess histrionic talents that would do credit to the professional delightful dramatic entertainment with only Pittsburgers in the cast. A splendid feature of the evening was the entire absence of the big hats that so often spoil the pleasure of visitors to the regular theaters. Evening dress was de rigueur, and pretty conflures instead of large hats were worn by all the ladies in the audience as well as on the stage. Large bunches of flowers were carried by most of the ladies, and the air was as tragrant with the odor of exotics as if the pretty theater were one vast green-

The officers of the Tuesday Night Club for the ensuing year are: President, Mr. A. M. Guthrie: Vice President, Mr. A. H. Childs; Treasurer, Mr. J. D. Lyons; Secretary, Mr. O. M. Page. They were elected and announced between the acts of "Flies

Friday evening next, there will be a reception at the residence of Mrs. Charles C. Briggs, Center avenue, in honor of ber dauguter, was is nome from school for the

January is to have several fashionable Miss Mary Ricketson, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John E. Rickets n, of Allegheny, and Mr. Paschal Carr, of St. Louis, the date being the 12th, and the place the residence of the bride's parents, Ridge Another wedding in which a large Miss Einte Ire in Cassidy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward T. Cassidy, of Breekenridge avenue, and Mr. William Metcalf, Jr. It will take place the evening of Jan-uncy 4, at St. Teter's P. E. Church, Grant

last important wedding of the year will take place December 29, and will be that of Mass Eugenie Maple, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Toongs Maple, and Dr. Bar-ton Johnston, in the Second Presbyterian Chares. The officiating minister will be the bridegroom's tather, Rev. Dr. Johnston, of Chicago, assisted by Rev. John Sutherland, D. D.

Miss Emina McMillin, daughter of Captain and Mrs. John S. McMillin, of Grandspend the winter with friends in Denver, by Miss Rebecca McC. Darlington, for the

The ten given by Miss Margaret Darlington, at the Darlington residence last week, brilliant affair. The house is a magnificent one, and the elegant costumes of the ladies added laster to what was already a scene of regal luxury. Mrs. Harlow's gown was of white brocaded silk, with blue ribbons and deep lace at the neck. Among the ladies who assisted Miss Darlington in her pleasant duty of serving tea, were Mrs. Alex-moder Laughlia, Mrs. Wynn Sewell, Mrs. George It Hamilton, Mrs. Joseph Dilworth, Mrs. Frank Sproul, Mrs. Harry Sproul, Mrs. Francis Watson, Mrs. Sairas, Miss Ricketson and Miss Sellers.

A supper is to be given at the Pittsburg Club, in one of the private dining rooms,

Mr. Amiren Carnegie, says that Mr. Carnegle has ordered two life-size copies, in Carries marble, of some of the Italian masterpores. One is "Duana With Stag," for the Allegheny City Art Gallery, and the other "Apollo Belvidere," for Pittsburg, which will be placed in the rooms of the Art Society. The statues will be received the Art Society have passed a resolution of thanks to Mr. Carnegie, and the "Apollo Belyidere" will be one of the distinguishing wateres of the rooms as soon as it ar-

A pracption is to be given by Mrs. Park Painter next Friday evening for her daughter, Miss Mary Painter, who is spending Christmas at home.

The reception to be given by the members of the Pittsburg Club next Thursday evening will be one of the notable society events of the close of 1892. There will be two orchestras, one specially for the danegramment of the guests will be employed. The w. N. Frew, Mr. and Mrs. Sewell, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph R. Dilworth, Mr. aud Mrs. Frank P. Sproul, Mr. Nathaniel Holmes, Ir. W. M. Price, Mr. Arthur Holland and V. E. Shiras, Esq.

Miss Beila Clarkson will be the guest of ionor at a tea to be given by Miss Anna rances Marshall, of Stockton avenue, next attenday afternoon.

Mrs. D. A. Stewart's reception last evenng, to meet the Yale College Glee and aujo Clubs, was one of the elaborate social affairs of the season. All the "buds" were there, with enough cancing men to make the occasion as merry as a marriage bell. Yale blue was to be seen everywhere, in the contumes of the ladies as well as in the and mistacoe herries peeping from their heats of greenery reminded every one that it was Christmas Eve.

A 12 o'clock breaklast is to be given by Miss Laughlia and Miss Leils Laughlin, Monday, January 2, to meet Miss Saltus

One of the handsomest entertainments of the week was the theater party on Friday evening, given by Mr. Stansbury Sutton. Alter a dinner at Mr. Sutton's home on

eroned by Mrs. Christian I. McKee, drove to the Duquesne. On the conclusion of the opera the party proceeded to the Pittsburg Club, where the pleasure of the evening

A card party at the residence of Lieunext Friday evening by his daughter, Miss

To-morrow evening the first of the fashionable dinner dances is to be given. The dance will be under the supervision of Mrs. Joseph R. Dilworth and Ars. Heary Sproul, the dinners being given by Mrs. H. D. Denny, Mrs. A. E. W. Painter, Mrs. Mark W. Watson and Mrs. Seweil.

Mrs. C. C. Hussey will give a reception to the members of the Princeton University Glee and Banjo Ciubs Tuesday evening,

An informal musicale is to be given by boards, and that it is possible to enjoy a Mrs. J. B. Murdoch next Tuesday evening for her niece, Miss Pratt, of Elmira, N. Y. Miss Pratt has just returned from a prolonged residence in Germany, where she has been pursuing her musical studies.

Mrs. F. E. Marshall is to lecture on "Every-Day Life in Spain" in the Art Society's rooms, Friday next, December 30.

Monday, January 2, is the day set by Mrs. James A. Chambers for a two o'clock luncheon in honor of Miss Warren. It is expected to be a very delightful affair, since all the elements of enjoyment will certainly be there.

The daughter of Mrs. William Metcalf is to make her debut at a ball given by her mother, Monday, January 16.

In answer to a correspondent of THE DISPATCH the information is given that it is correct form in Pittsburg to leave a card when making a call. There is no reason given for this except that it is the proper

Invitations have been issued for a card weddines. Among them will be that of party by Miss Jean S. Wright, of Edgewood, next Saturday evening.

A reception is to be given next Wednesday evening by Mrs. Charles C. Scaife, of Western avenue, for her daughter, Miss Annie V. Scaife, and her son, Mr. Charles prole of triends are interested will be that | C. Scaife, both of whom are home for the

> Miss Ricketson is to be the guest of honor at a function given by Mrs. Remsen W. Messler next Wednesday.

> The guests at the Kenmawr "kept Christmas" in good, old-fashioned style last night. There was a Christmas tree of gigantic size, gifts for every one and daucing, to say nothing of cider and gingerbread ad lib.

Miss Mary Reed is to entertain the Center Avenue Euchre Club next Thursday

The Darlington mansion, Irwin avenue, ne of a teagiven younger members of society, next Wednes-

A reception is to be given by Miss in honor of Mirs. Charles H. Harlow, was a Mary Hays, of Shadyside, Tuesday, Janu-

January 17 is the date set for the marriage of Miss Seeley, daughter of Mr. L. P. Seeley, of North avenue, Allegheny, to Mr. Cornelius M. Garrison. It will take place in Emanuel P. E. Church.

HOLIDAY SOCIAL PLEASURES.

Gatherings of the Week Before Christmas in the Two Cities.

The East Lake Euchre Club held its first meeting at the home of Miss Rose Kuylor, No. 193 Franklin street, Allegheny, Thursday evening, December 1. The prizes, the the direc Monday night by Mr.
George Elair Painter.

A letter received by Charles W. Scovel,
Esq., Secretary of the Art Society, from the Art Society, from the Art Society f graff, Thursday, December 16. After a most emjor able game delicious retreshments were served. The prizes were won by Mrs. Mark Escaeniaub and Mr. Mark Eicheniaub. They were asolid silver pin tray and silver whisk. The following are the members of the club: Misses Rose Kaylor, Sadie Glesenkamp, Helen F. Scher, Carrie Fischer, Cecenia Kuylor, Sadie Fooso, Nellie Foose, Mrs. Mark Eichenaub, Harry Langraff and Dick Walsa, and Messra. Harry Kuylor, Frank Popp, Jim Buckley, Jeim Kuylor, Edward Jannesa, Edward Fischer, Dan Ruylor, Mark Eichenaub.

An enjoyable event of the week was a birthday surprise given in honor of Mr. William J. Turner at his residence, 3552 Mifflin street, on Tuesday evening. Dancing and card playing formed the amusement of the evening. At midnight a dainty supper was served. The guests were Misses Bess is Kingan, Ruth Glover, Daisy McMunn, Elia and Jennic Harrison, Annie and Eliza Marsh, Mary Biack, Lilly and Chrissis Steffler, Emma and Orea Beil, Sadie and Maggie Anderson, Cora Beighel, Laura Degarma, Anna Bradley, Julia Percel, Mazgie Tobon, Lizzie Turner, Mary Patton, Annie Murphy, Minnie Holmes and Mrs. Holmes; Messia. William Orr, Henry Campbell, Albert Ridna, Arnold Marsh, Thomas Rountree, John Lowry, John Harrison, Howard Beignel, Harry and Frank Holmes, George Barr, Charles Schuchmann, Brown, Edwin Kiel, Harry and Walter Cliff, William Turner and Bowan and Whalen. the evening. At midnight a dainty supper

On Thursday evening next Miss Nina Milligan, the teacher of elecution and the Deisarte theory, of Mt. Washington, will give an entertainment in the Homestead Opera House for the benefit of those in need. The House for the benefit of those in need. The programme will consist of a minuet and Delsarte drill by Miss Milligan's Homestead class, and will conclude with the production of a humorous two-act comedy, entitled "A Box of Monkeys." The leading role will be taken by Miss Milligan, who has appeared in several recent amateur dramatic events. Sue will be assisted by Messrs, J. A. Crarg, William Campbell, Misses Hannah Baxter, Wargaret Wise and other local talent. Owing to the fact that no regular trains leave Hemmestead late enough to accommodate Pittsburgers who attend, a special train has been secured, which will leave at the close of the entertainment.

A very pleasant evening was spent at the home of Mr. Dennis Haley, 2842 Penn avenue, inst Wednesday. It was a surprise party, arranged by Miss Alice Rhall, and was a most successful affair. Music and dancing were the features of the evening. Those present were: Misses Katte Haley, Mary Rhall, Essle Burnes, Ella Crossen, Maggie Weish, Mary Costella, Mary Dorn, L. Hasiet, Annie Rhyne, Ella Shen, Katie Ninehouser, Nellie Nolan, Sadie Slater, Sadie O'Nell, Nora Barter, Annie Boyle, Maggie and Katie Eiseser, Mary Shanon, J. Keily: Messrs, T. Money, T. Fague, C. Besterman, J. Eicher, L. Richard, T. Boyle, Jacob and John Herman, M. Hingleburg, E. Budolf, P. Conroy, A. Miller, W. Grames, J. Eball, J. Sili, J. and T. Haley. home of Mr. Dennis Haley, 2842 Penn ave-

of the Assembly Club will be held in the Grand Opera House, Uniontown, Fa., on Tuesday evening, December 27. The Assembly Club is composed of 60 gentlemen and the balls they give are the social events of the Senson. The house will be decorated with plants and flowers and supper will be served by Brownfield. Toerge will furnish the music. The patronesses for the season are: Mrs. S. E. Ewing, Mrs. R. W. Dawson, Mrs. Frank Huston, Mrs. B. Howell, Mrs. G. C. Marshall and Mrs. A. D. Boyd. The committee are: R. E. Umbel, C. B. Harah, W. W. Parshall, W. A. Hogg and A. Plumer Austin. Over 200 invitations have been issued, and there will be many present from Connellsville, Greensburg and Somerset. of the Assembly Club will be held in the

The reception tendered by Rauh Bros. & Co. to their employes at Cyclorama Hall, on Friday evening, was a very enjoyable affair. A miscellaneous programms consisting of recitations and music by the meming of recitations and music by the members of the manufacturing department took up a great part of the evening. The foreman, Mr. Long, then presented each member of the firm with a beautifully embessed gold headed cane, as a token of esteem, Mr. Enoch Rauh, senior member of the firm, responded, assuring them that the good feeling expressed was reciprocal. Dancing was in order until 12 o'clock, when the company, consisting of 105, were served an excellent dinner.

The annual reception, tendered by the Board of Trustees and Faculty of Curry University on Friday evening, was a brilliant affair. The spacious balls and reception rooms were insufficient to accommodate the students, Alumni and friends who were present. The sixty young ladies and gentlepresent. The sixty young ladies and genti-men students, who composed the introduc-tion committee, were two hours in perform-ing their arduous task. The inppy boys and girls who, for the past months have been ulligent students, the more keenly enjoy the relaxation of Christmas time and conse-quently these occasions are a fitting be-ginning for the Yule ide season.

Mr. and Mr. Frank Burger, of Bellevue, celebrated their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary Monday evening, December 19. It was one of the most sociable events of the week, the large gathering, numbering about week, the large gathering, numbering about 200, included friends from Pittsburg, Allegheny, East End, McKeesport and Beaver, Pa. The house was handsomely decorated and the numerous presents received made quite a display of silverware. An excellent supper was served at midnight, during which soft music was rendered by an orchestra in an aujoining room. The evening was a most enjoyable one throughout.

To-day will be observed musically in Braddock in the majority of the churches. At S. Joseph's German Catholic Church six masses and benediction will be celebrated, while three different masses will be sung. Two masses and vespers will be sung at both St. Brendan's and St. Thomas Boman Catholic churches. The St. Thomas Cornet Band of 40 pieces will assist in the programme at the latter church. Coppiand U. B. Church, the First Presbyterian, North Braddock U. B., Immanuel's German Lutherau, First English Lutheran and the First M. E. Church will also have special services.

Mr. John Powell, a well-known resident of Braddock, was pleasantly surpri ed last Friday evening at his home on Talbot avenue. He was attending a meeting of Post isi, G. A. R., of which he is an officer which he was called away and confronted with a party of some 30 guests whommers. Powell ane ner daughter had invited. The occasion was Mr. Powell's 55th birthday anniversary. The evening was very enjoyably spent and an excellent supper was served. Some very handsome presents were received by Mr.

The members of St. Canice, the new English Catholic Church of Alientown, will | give a tea party at Allentown Turner Hail, next Tuesday and Wednesday evenings. The best amateur singers and electrionists of the two cities have volunteered their ser-vices for the occasion. There will be dancvices for the occasion. There will be dancing, Gernert's orchestra furnishing the
music. All the prominent people of the hilltops are expected to attend. I he proceeds
are for the cenefit of the new churca. Services are now being held in the old Methodist church on Excelsior street which has
been remodeled.

Miss Nellie Hickey, of 12? Grace street, Mt.

residence of Mr. W. G. Harsnaw, of Beanett, It was that of

A very pretty wedding at the residence of J. S. Newmyers, Dawson, Pa., took place Wednesday, at 4 o'clock, joining in marriage Miss Gertrude Gallatin, sister of Mrs. J. S. Newmyers, and Mr. H. E. Conner, both of Dawson. During the ceremony the wedding murch rom Mendelssohn was rendered by Miss Maud Gault. Mr. and Mrs. Conner will be at home in their newly furnished house on Gailey street after they return from their

The reception given by Miss Vida McCullough last Tuesday evening at the residence of her mother, on Allegheny avenue, in honor of her guests, Mr. and Mrs. Dividson, of New York, was a very pleasant affair. About 15 couples were present, who thor-oughly enjoyed the splendid dance music furnished for the occasion. Mr. and Mrs. Dividson are on their journey home, after spending a few weeks' honeymoon through the Western States. of her mother, on Allegheny avenue, in

The Entre Nous Euchre Club met at the home o Miss Jennie Charles, Church avenue, Allegheny, last Thursday evening. A very enjoyable evening was spent at euchre and in dancing. The prizes were a very pretty after-dinner coffee cup and saucer for the ladies and a silver-mounted hat brush for the gentlemen. The successful contestants were Miss Gertrude Knake and Mr. Erwin Omohundro.

The annual bazar of St. Thomas' R. C. Church of Braddock, of which the Very Rev. John Hickey is rector, was opened on Wednesday evening last. The half of the University building is prettily decorated and gaily festioned boots are placed here and there and a good programme of music is rendered each evening. The bazar will remain open until December 31.

The fourth entertainment in the midwinter series of the Carnegie Free Library on Thursday night in the First M. E. Caurch at Braddock. The subject was "A Day and a Night in a Volcano" by the noted lecturer, Herbert Stanley Renton. About 1,400 people listened to the orator and enjoyed the illus-

A reception was Leid at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Hughes, 345 Bedford avenue, during the week. The occasion was the birthday of their little daughter Ella. Music and daucing were enjoyed during the evening, which was brought to a close after a dainty supper was served. The Edgar Thomson Steel Works Cornet fland of 49 pieces, assisted by the Columbian

Quartet of Braddock, gave an excellent concert in the old Lytle Opera House last evening. There was present one of the largest andiences that has been seen at a Braddock concert for a long while, The La Fayette Club, of Braddock, organized three years ago will give its first re-

ception of this season in Lytle Opera House next Wednesday evening. About 169 invi-tations have been issued. The Mozart Orenestra will furnish music for dancing. The John Gripp Entertaining Club received from Judge John Gripp a volume of Shakespeare's works as a Christmas present. The members of the club are very proud of the git and desire to return thanks to Mr. Gripp for his handsome offering.



To every music-lover in the Keystone State, whether professional or amateur, the most important event scheduled for this week is the fourth annual meeting of the Pennsylvania State Musical Association, to be held Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at Reading.

And this meeting bids fair to be really the most important one yet held by that highly useful and promising organization. The efforts of President Edward A. Berg, of Reading, have been successful in raising among the citizens a fund that enables a fine, complete orchestra to be brought from Philadelphia for the Wednesday evening concert. This is the first time that orchestral aid could be had by the association, and it makes a very important element in the meeting. At the same concert the Reading Choral Society will assist. Only with such unusual means would it be possible to bring out the important works by Pennsylvania composers that go to make this programme the most notable so far in the history of the association. 1. Chorus-Im Tempel der Muse Harm, Mohr

The advance programme, giving the general scheme of all the sessions, with names of essayists, performers, etc., was printed in this department two weeks ago. It is to the credit of the Programme Committee (under the Chairmanship of Mr. Joseph H. Gittings, of Pittsburg.) that so few changes have had to appear in the final programme just received. A pianoforte recital by Miss Cornelia Dyas at 11 A. M. on Thursday is added; the name of Mr. Emil Gastel is replaced in Tuesday evening's list by that of Miss Josephine Richardson, of Philadelphia, and her place on Wednes-day atternoon is taken by Miss M. Virginia Peck and Mr. Peter Marzen, of the same

Besides the Te Deum by Mr. Retter, Pittsburg composers are represented by a song of Mr. Ad. M. Foerster's and by a song and a pianoforte piece by Mr. Ethelbert Nevin. Other fellow-citizens named are: Mr. Charles Davis Carter, ex-Presi-Miss Nollie Hickey, of 12' Grace street, Mt.
Washington, entertained a number of her
friends Monday evening. Among those
present were: The Misses Mamie Newell,
damie Burris, Ateline Emerson, Nelfie
Fleming, Ru n Jackson, Maggie Newell,
hand Maybrick, Grace Datz and Ollie Zorrence; Messis, Thomas Ruddy, Ed Marshall,
Clarence hatthews, Raipin Galvin, Charles
Tite, Fred Miller, James Carrol and J. P.
Hickey. Dancing was the reature of the
evening.

Toe Color in Singing" (with illustrations). Mr. Eugene C. Heffley and Miss The, Fred ailler, James Carrol and J. P. lickey. Dancing was the reature of the evening.

One of the quiet but very pretty weddings of the week was that celebrated at the residence of Mr. W. G. Harsnaw, of Bennett,

Pa. Wednesday afternoon. It was that of his eldest daughter, Miss Birdie and Mr. Edward Vero, also of Bennett. The ceremony took place in the presence of the near relatives of the young people and was performed by Rev. James G. Harshaw, a cousin of the bride. The bride wore a very pretty white costume and was attended by a sister of the groom, Miss Jennie Vero, who also wore white.

Blouid become at once either an active or an associate member of the State Association. Mr. Theo. G. Wettach, Vice President for this county, or Mr. Gittings will willingly receive the diminutive annual fee of \$1, for which the printed report of the meeting will alone be a liberal return, to say nothing of helping a good cause. The many Pittsburgers intending to go to the meeting can obtain the many process. meeting can obtain from Mr. Gittings the orders for railroad tickets mentioned in the following notice just issued and headed "Very Important" in big, black letters:

may safely be said that the chorus of 200 voices and the local orchestra of 35 players, before whom Director James P. Mc-Collum will swing his baton, this time, are in better shape to do justice to the great oratorio than ever before. And the work probably has never been heard here with a better solo quartet than this: Mrs. Genevra Johnstone-Bishop, of Chicago, well known here; Miss Olive Fremstadt, Mr. Albert Lester King and Dr. Carl E. Dufft, all of New York, and all of genuinely high repute as oratorio singers. It is proper once in awhile to refresh our memories on even so popular an oratorio as "The Messiah," which is the greatest and at the same time the most widely known among the works of George Frederick Handel (1685-1759). In it are most fully shown his religious feeling, melodic invention, contrapuntal knowledge and his yet un-squaled skill in massive choral writing. It was wholly composed and scored during a sojourn in Dubin within the brief space of 24 days. Yet the original score gives proof of most careful and critical revision, abounding in alterations and containing two, or even three, different settings of the same parts of the text. The oratorio was first given

in Dublin for a charity, April 13, 1742, and in Löndon one year later. Probably its first American performance was that of Boston's Handel and Haydn Society in 1818. Its one hundred and fiftieth anniversary was widely celebrated last spring, the festival of the New York Oratorio of the New York Oratorio Society attracting especial attention by giving the work with the original orchestration as Handel wrote it. With that exception it is probable that the original orchestration has never been heard in this country-or anywhere else for many years. The most notable perform-

Mary Rhall, Essie Burnes, Ella Crossen,
Maggie Weish, Mary Costella, Mary Dorn, La
Haslet, Annie Rhyne, Ella Shen, Katie Ninehouser, Nellie Nolan, Sadie Sharer, Sadie
O'Neil, Nora Barter, Annie Boyle, Maggie
and Katie Elseser, Mary Shanon, J. Keily:
Messra T. Money, T. Fague C. Besterman,
J. Eicher, L. Richard, T. Boyle, Jacob and
John Herman, M. Hingleburg, E. Rudolt, P.
Canroy, A. Miller, W. Grames, J. Ebali, J.
Shi, J. and T. Haley.

The second ball of the sixth annual series

A marriage that will be interesting to the
week. Mr. Fred Alles, son of Mr. Junes
Alles, son of

of Boston, for the Christmas performance that year.

All in all this week's performance of "The Messiah" promises to be the best yet heard in Pittsburg.

Religious Import of Music.

Apropos of the beginning of these regular Christmastide performances of the great oratorio, there was a discussion in this department of THE DISPATCH for December 11, 1887, of Pittsburg's failure to realize the religious import of oratorio and other sacred works in the larger forms. After alluding to the peculiar reverence in which the English nation holds the oratorio (particularly "The Messiah"), these two para graphs came in:

The Boston Handel and Hayun the pioneer oratorio chorus of America, has for some 70 years been in the habit of holding its concerts on Sunday evenings. That city and several others have long had regular Christmas performances of The The Boston Handel and Haydn Society, city and several others have long had reunlar Christmas performances of "The Messiah." Half a century or so ago even Pittsburg's choral organizations—the Sacred Music Society, the Music Fund Society, the former Mozart Society and the rest of the old-timers—regularly held their concerts in the old First, or Trinity, or one of the other churches. These societies used to call their concerts "oratorios," in the sense, doubtless, of "sacred concerts" the programme, though miscellaneous, being made up exclusively, or mainly, of sacred music. In the later 70's the then acting pastor of the Taird Presbyterian church, the gifted Dr. Leonard Woisey Bacon, organized, and conducted himself in that church, an excellent performance of "The church, an excellent performance of "The Greation"

Creation."

But Pittsburg's habit for a long time has been to consider an oratorio as simply so much concert music, entirely missing the notiler and truer element. It would be good to recover the lost ground of the devotional oratorio—to have the churches open while their doors to it—to have it given on Sundays, if you please; and it is just possible shat the regular Ciristmas periormance of "The Messiah" may prove the entering wedge of the reform.

These words seem to have had a pro-phetic tinge, viewed in the light of subsequent developments. Mr. Linard C. Webster's success with St. Andrew's Choir in giving occasionally an important, timely work; Mr. Henry L. Ringwalt's activity in the same line with his independent choir, and now the superb scheme of mouthly services of the same sort being carried out at Calvary Church by Mr. Carl Retter and Rev. Dr. George Hodges—all are striking incidents in the progress of this much-needed reform.

A Plan of Great Magnitude. And now comes another signal step in the same direction, though taken from a wholly different standpoint.

Mr. Homer Moore, at his second lectureconcert, given in Old City Hall last Thursday evening, unfolded a plan of great mag-nitude, promising the utmost userulness, in language about as follows:

The musical education of the masses has always been a serious problem difficult of solution. Musical taste, musical interest and musical knowledge are interdependent and indeed inseparable. I have been for some time considering a plan for the musical development of the working class. To discuss this problem theoretically would take much more time than is at a discussion. take much more time than is at my disposal. The practical side of the question only is

In a word, the first step in my plan is the giving in this place of a series o Sunday Atternoon Sucred Concerts for the benefit of the workingmen, their wives and their children. The tickets are to be distributed by the warners of the various are high. children. The tickets are to be distributed by the managers of the various establishments in which they are employed, and judgment is to be used in giving them only to those who would be likely to be interested and benefited.

The advisability of these concerts being held on Sunday has been carefully considered. In order that the greatest possible good may be done the concerts must be held good may be done the concerts must be held.

ered. In order that the greatest possible good may be done the concerts must be held when they can be attended and when the people will be in the best possible mood to be pleased and instructed. After a long day's work few are in such a mood; but on Sunday afternoon many have nothing to do and would otherwise spend the time worthlessly. My idea is that the programmes should be made principally of music with sacred or churchly words, but I do not believe it necessary or advisable to hold without exception to this rule. Numerous broad dignified and available selections can be made from secular music that will tend greatly to nified and available selections can be made from secular music that will tend greatly to the education of those who listen. I be-lieve it will be a good thing to have printed in the programmes two or three fine hymn tunes and words, in order that the whole audience may take part. People especially enjoy and profit by that which they do themselves. The various church choirs and local organizations should be ir vited to special organizations should be it vited to take part in the performances by singing special selections prepared for the occasion. Furthermore I believe it will be an especially good feature to give a short explanation of each number before it is sung, showing its real meaning and the natural musical expression of it, teaching the people in this way what to look for, what is right, what

the meeting will alone be a liberal return, to say nothing of helping a good cause. The many Pittsburgers intending to go to the meeting can obtain from Mr. Gittings the orders for railroad tickets mentioned in the following notice just issued and headed "Very Important" in big, black letters:

The different railroad companies having suddenly decided not to issue the usual holiday excursion tickets, it will be necessary for you—in order to procence an excursion ticket and reduced rates—to procent the enclosed orders at every ticket office at which you purchase tickets.

Piease notify your friends and all others

expression of it, teaching the people in this way what to look for, what is right, what is word, if what is good, what is bad. If the composer is one of influences in this tight, what is wrong, what is good, what is bad. If the composer is one of influences in this tight, what is wrong, what is good, what is bad. If the composer is one of influences in this tight, what is wrong, what is good, what is bad. If the composer is one of influences in this tight, what to look for, what is right, what is wrong, what is good, what is bad. If the composer is one of influences in the is wrong, what is padd. If the composer is one of influences in this is wrong, what is good, what is bad. If the composer is one of influences in this is wrong, what is good, what is bad. If the composer is one of influences in the is wrong, what is good, what is bad. If the composer is one of influences in the is wrong, what is good, what is bad. If the composer is one of influences in the is wrong, what is good, what is bad. If the composer is one of influence in the is wrong, what is good, what is bad. If the composer is one of influence in the is wrong, what is good, what is bad. If the composer is one of influence in the is wrong, what is good, what is down.

It is my idea that the whole should be capited on in a broad, dignified spirit for the general benefit of sacred music extend work.

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which you purchase tickets.
Piease notify your friends and all others intending to visit the meeting.
Fraternally yours,
Edward A. Berg, President.

A Great Rendition Coming.

At home the important event of the week is, of course, the Mozart Club's fourth annual performance of "The Messiah." It may safely be said that the chorus of 200 voices and the local orchestra of 35 players, before whom Director James P. McCollum will swing his baton, this time, are in better shape to do justice

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Thursday night class, of which I nave already spoken.

It seems to me that from these different methods a grand chorns ought to be developed, numbering 500 or 600 voices, which, in two or three years, would not only be available for the Sunday concerts, but for all great musical festivals and celebrations where an immense concourse of singers is needed. needed.

If this plan meets with support I am pre

pared to pledge my active assistance in carrying it on and trying to build up a great musical organization on the one hand and a great musical audience on the other. The Karl Merz Musical Library.

Still another local announcement of exceptional importance is to be made to-day. On Friday, January 13, Mr. Beveridge Webster is to give a lecture before the Academy of Science and Art, with the especial object of explaining the significance of the Karl Merz Musical Library in our musical life, describing its contents, etc.

And by that date there will be added to And by that date there will be added to the library a valuable collection of "nusical books-about 200 to 225 volumes-donated by Mr. Charles C. Mellor to the Carnegie Free Library, and to be held for the present in the custody of the Academy of Science and Art, just as the Merz Library is held. There is a possibility that another considerable addition may be made at the same time and a third collection of the utmost value is likely to pendided at

of the utmost value is likely to be added at no distant date.

Mr. Mellor's donation includes such rare and valuable works as Thomas Morley's "A Plaine and Easie Introduction to Practicale Musicke," bublished in 1597, the first English treatish on music; ten volumes of Charles Burney's various works, nearly, if not quite, all that the great musical historian has left us; the indispensable musical histories of Sir John Hawkins, Fetis and Padra Martini. many years. The most notable performance, using the original score, was during the Handel commemoration at Westminster Abbey in 1784, when the orchestra was made up of 157 stringed instruments, 26 bassoons, I double-bassoon, 26 oboes, 6 flutes, 12 trumpets, 6 trombones, 12 horns and 4 drums—to support a chorus of 267 voices! Handel's scoring was even then far behind the times scoring was even then far behind the times score with the additional accompaniments that have since been universally used.

But the so-called Mozart score is itself thin and incomplete to modern ears, as everyone knows that has heard the oratorio. In 1884, Robert Franz, the lately deceased composer, published a new edition, with additional accompaniments, that are complete and satisfying, without sacrificing a jot of

Mrs. Anna Louise Tanner-Musin, Miss Inez Parmater, Mr. E-louard Scharf (all well re-membered here) and Mr. Pier Delasco, a well-known operatic bass: The engagement is under the management of Mr. G. E. Kep-ple, who has every reason to anticipate suc-cess for his enterprise. C. W. S.

MERRY HOLIDAY VISITORS.

Miss Jennie Leutz, of St. Louis, is visiting Mrs M. B. Lasser, of Bluff street. A. L. Power, Esq., of Conneauville, is vis-iting his son, Mr. Frank Power, of Braddock. Miss Lucy Mason Parker, of Washington, D. C., is the guest of Miss Ford, of 146 North avenue, Allegheny.

The Misses May and Blanche Reynolds, of Braddock, are to spend the holidays with their parents at Latrobe. Mr. H. Allen Machesney, of Allegheny, has returned for a few weeks' vacation from his law studies at Yale university.

Miss Mary Matlack and daughter, Miss Margie, of West Braddock, left yesterday to spend two weeks in New York. Miss Estella Oxley, of Sheffield-street, Al-

legheny, has returned from the Indiana State Normal School to spend the holidays. Miss E. M. Crosby, Assistant Secretary of the Wheeling Gas Company, left yester-day to spand Christmas with her parents in Clevoland.

Mr. F. Thomson, chief of the mechanical engineers of the Carnegie plant at Brad-dock, left yesterday for a trip to Philadel-phia and other Eastern cities. Mr. A. C. Dinkey, of Braddock, Superintendent of the electrical department at the Homestead Steel Works, has returned from a lengthy tour o: Eastern cities

Miss Alberta Lare, of Allegheny, who has been visiting her cousin, Mrs. Daniel W. Lawler, of St. Paul, Miss., during this month, returned home last Friday. Mr. A. E. Benitz, of West Braddock, left yesterday for Itinea, N. Y., to spend the holidays with his family. Mr. Will Benitz and Miss Estelle are attending school there.

Mr. P. J. Saulson and brother, of New York, and Mrs. Feitler, of Cincinnati, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Sailer, 170 Locust street, Allegheny. Mrs. Feitler will receive on New Year's Day.

Thomas J. Louis, Esq., and Miss Louis, of Braddock, leit Monday to spend the winter with their daughter, Mrs. Lulu Rockwell, wife of a wealthy cattle owner, and their son, Frank E., a former well-known news-paper man here, at Omaha. The following young people of Braddock The following young people of Braddock have returned from school for the holidays: Mr. Robert Russell, from Kiskiminetas College; Messrs. J. Hasson Carline and Charles Rinard, from Washington-Jefferson; Miss Camille Hawthorne, from Indiana State Normal; Messrs. Harry Harrop and John Packer, from Meadville Polytechnic, and Messrs. Harry James and Kirk Anderson, from Kiskiminetas College.

Mr. John O. Jones and Miss Annie L. Morgan, of Copeland, were united in mat-rimony on Tuesday evening, at 8 o'clock, at the bride's home, by Rev. J. F. Brown, of the First Christian Church, of Braddock. The couple left on a honeymoon trip to Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington. When they return they will live in a hand-some new home at Copeland, just built by the grown.

the groom. Mr. and Mrs. Hiram W. French, of Bellevue, and Mr. William Flaccus, of Pittsburg, start next Tuesday evening for New York. they intend to sail next Saturday on the North German Lloyd steamer Fulda for Genoa, where they will be met by Mrs. Flacus and then make a tour of Italy. Mr. and Mrs. French will spend the winter in Southern Italy and return in the spring via Paris, London and Southampton, while Mr. and Mrs. Flaccus go via Venice and Munich to Cassell, Germany, to visit their children who are at school there. Mr. Flaccus expects to be back by March L.

A LIST OF THE DEAD.

Names of the Homestead Poisoner Victims Being Collected.

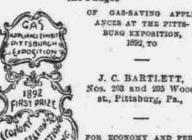
The attorneys for the Carnegie Company are now preparing a list of the persons who have died from poison received at Homestead. The list is growing each day. Attorney Breck said yesterday he was receiving reports from all directions of people who had died from that cause.

Thomas J. Crawford, the last Chairman of the Homestead Advisory Board, does not think there is anything in the poison charge. He says the water is bad and the new men drank freely of it and many died. Mr. Crawford now thinks the company has started the poison story to save them from damage suits.

Highwaymen on Mt. Washington. attacked by highwaymen Friday night. He resisted them and an officer coming along placed the men under arrest. They gave the names of William Williamson and John Mc Guire. These are supposed to be

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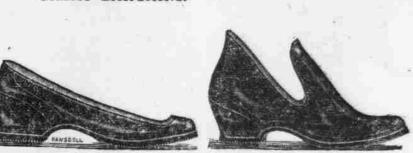


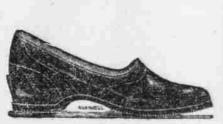
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